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"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1755"

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
YASUYOSHI SAITO : EXAMINER: KOSLOW, C.
SERIAL NO: 09/511,316 :
FILED: FEBRUARY 23, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1755
FOR: ALKALI METAL-CONTAINING
NIOBATE-BASED PIEZOELECTRIC
MATERIAL COMPOSITION AND
A METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE
SAME

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SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Advisory Action dated December 18, 2001, indicating *inter alia* that an amendment after final filed November 23, 2001 would **not** be entered, and further responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 17, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 13, 14, 19-21 and 25-28.

Please amend Claims 15, 16, 22 and 23 as in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows.

15. (Twice Amended) An alkali-metal containing niobate-based piezoelectric

sintering material composition comprising a solid solution represented by a composition

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